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## THE CONTINUITY OF THE CHURCH.

SUR,—I beant auver-learned, so, praps wuls I rite I may make a mistae or 2 in spulling; but if you shude kim acrass zitch a thing, plaise tu altert, and if sa be you du so I'll see you agen, and pay you what you cheerge. I see I beant the only wan that riteth a leet old-fashend, as may zay—I main Mister Roger Giles, bit then; he's a goodish bit lunger-hedded then I be, iss I recken.

Howsimever, I sem I want tu naw the rale maining of that there upshot about the kintainuty of the Church of England. You naw my maining, sur, that ot som of our klergy hev a be arging about. I shude a raut tu Mister Roger Giles, only, a leet ago a blacksmith ot nawth me very wull, urnd down sa varrs Welcombe same parpus vir zeen, en he cudent. The vokes zed they beleeved there waz a man be that name lived there yurs ago, but no zitch body latternly. So I thaut I widden rite tune avor I nawed his direkshons. I think you, sur, will simpithise with me now you naw how I'm cityhated. I don't begridge ink and paper, but I mussen zay tu mutch or else twant old out. I think Ive put in anof vir a interduckshin. Arter I red your widely sirkeelated paper of last



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week, and kim acrass they letters—I zed tu my ummen, says I, 'Yurs ago us didden yur nort about Rishulists and Kathleeks, and sich like, but lattern, theres nort ulse, amost.'

They zay the Kathleeks be crayping into the Church most tarabell late yurs, and Rishulists be nort ulse bit they same, in disguys. They am jined to both, in wan way a spayking, like the water-pipes between the city and the rezevoy; the Church is the rezevoy, and Rome is the city; and vokes go from Church to Rome dru rishulism, like the water urnth dru the pipes. The English Bishops be the Water Company, of aut to zee the pipes keept clain.

Why dont the Bishop, or some girt man, prevent the Rishulists from arging way Kathleeks, pertending they'm duing their very best, but manage tu git leeked, sose tu make vokes believe that Rome is the true kintainuel Church arter all? Thats ot I kall rinning way the hare (Church) and holding way the ounds (Kathleeks). I beant so blend but ot I can zee dru a vive-shettel geat.

But, ta change the metafer, as passen zeth, and let me spayk a word var the Church of England, the Rishulists hant got the best ingins pin tap, if they hev, bad is the best immen. But zur, mind ee, when I want tu buy farmer Church's ingins, Ill make the vorman ot tendth shop show me ots down to the bottom avor I go tu the standing ot farmer Rome keepth. If the vorman wanteth to drayve me tu thickey stall he idden weth his zalt tu his maaster. I dont main no harm tu min. Im sure, but let min zee ot us country vokes think about these larned counterversies. My foolish advice tu all they that rite or spayke in defence of the kintainuty of the Church, arter wishing min a merrie Christmas and a glad nu yer—is, let us zee ot the Church dith kintain, an zill us yer best.

INGINS.

Welcombe, Oct 22, 1886.

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